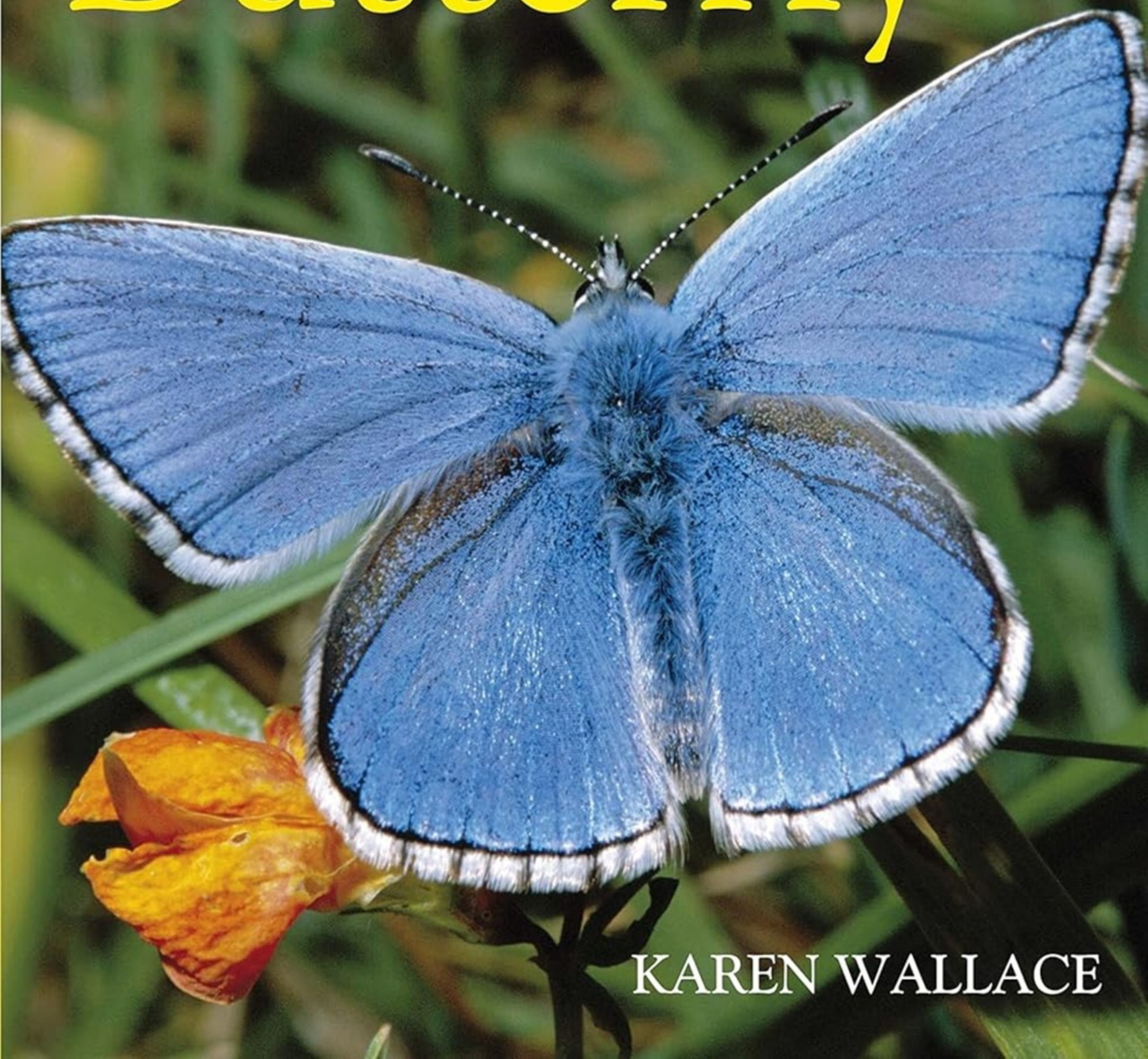




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# Born to Be a Butterfly



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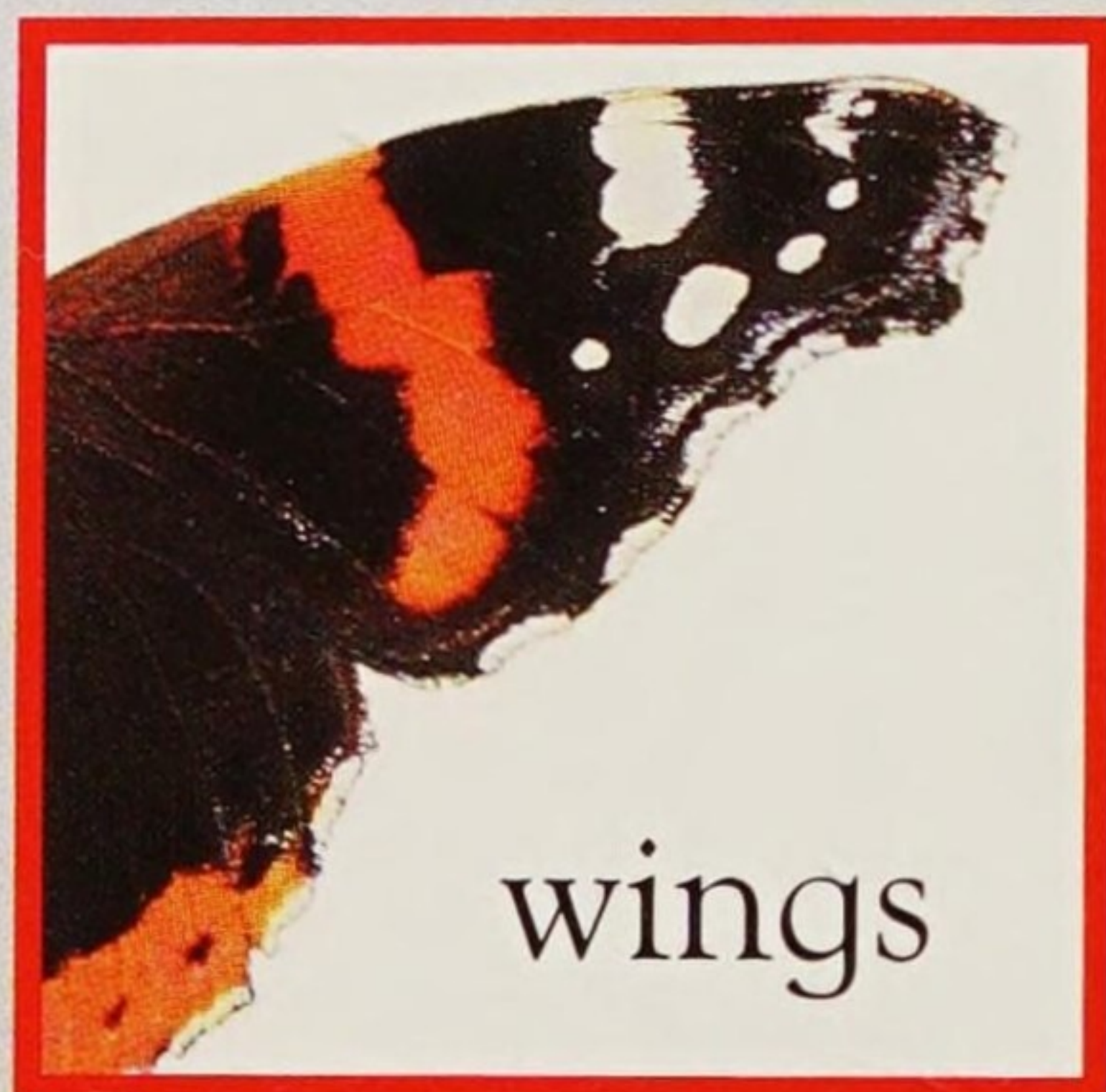
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A butterfly flits  
from flower to flower.  
Her red-striped wings  
shine in the sun.

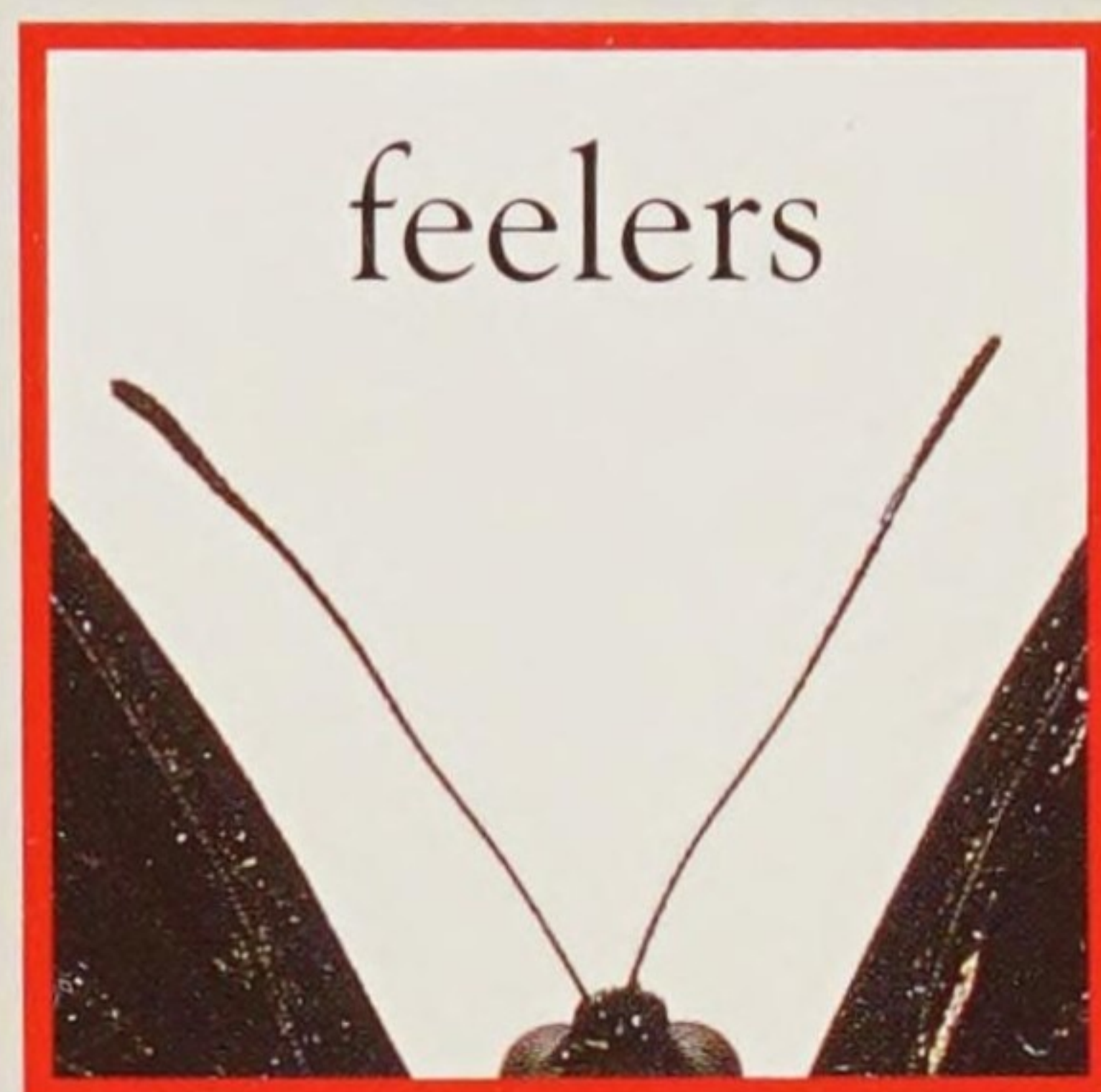


wings





She touches the petals  
with her feet and her feelers.



She looks for a leaf  
where she can lay  
her eggs.





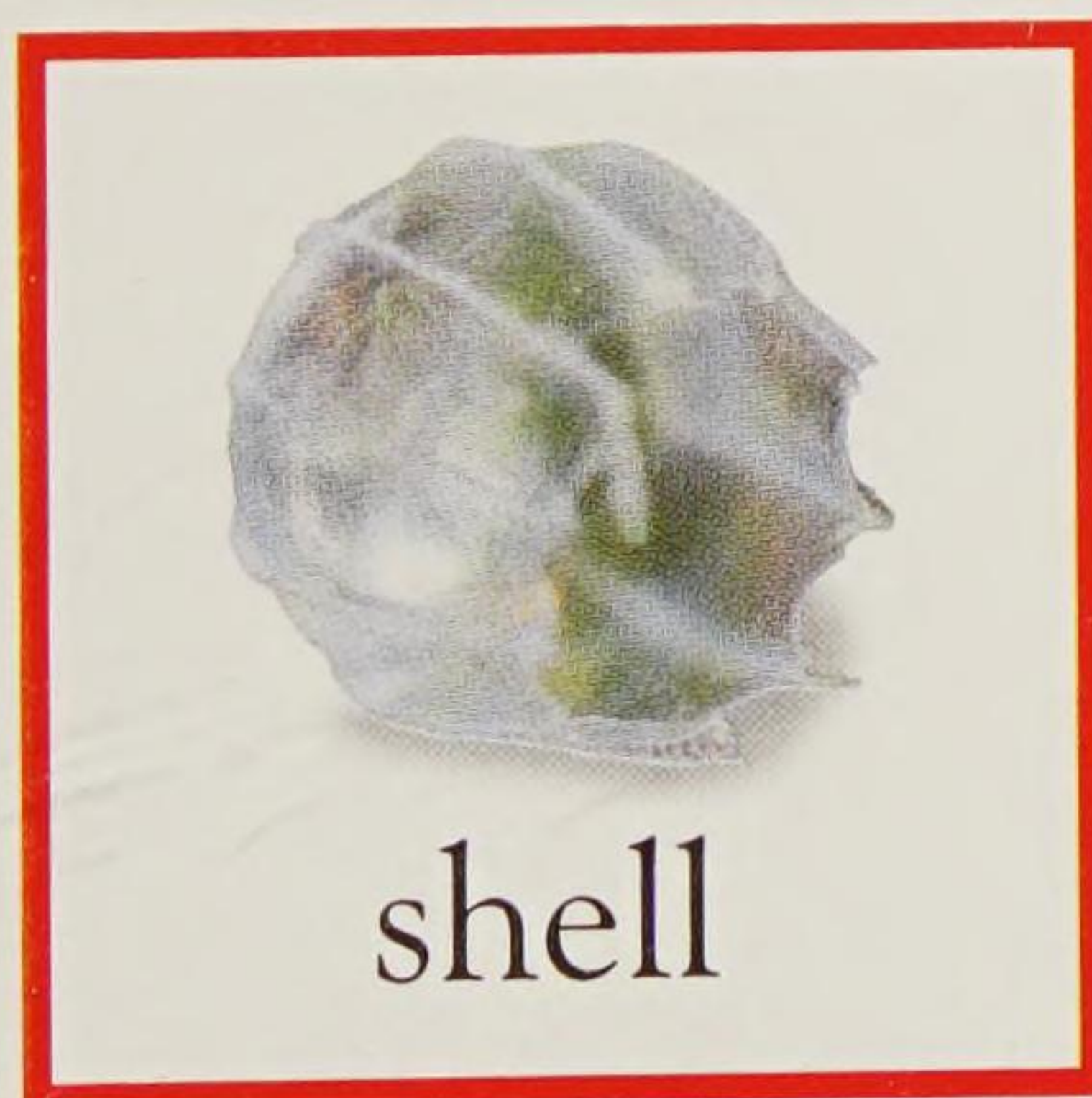
A butterfly flits  
from leaf to leaf.







On each little leaf  
she lays one or two eggs.  
She squeezes the eggs  
out of her body.  
The outside of each egg  
is covered with a shell.



shell





A caterpillar grows  
inside each egg.  
Soon one is ready  
to hatch.



She bites through the shell  
with her strong, sharp jaws.  
She munches the leaves  
around her.





The caterpillar makes  
a tent from a leaf.



She hides from the birds,  
who are sharp-eyed and hungry.





Hundreds of caterpillars  
hatch alongside her.

Some are unlucky.

Hungry birds peck them.

Furry bats snatch them.

Spiders catch them.







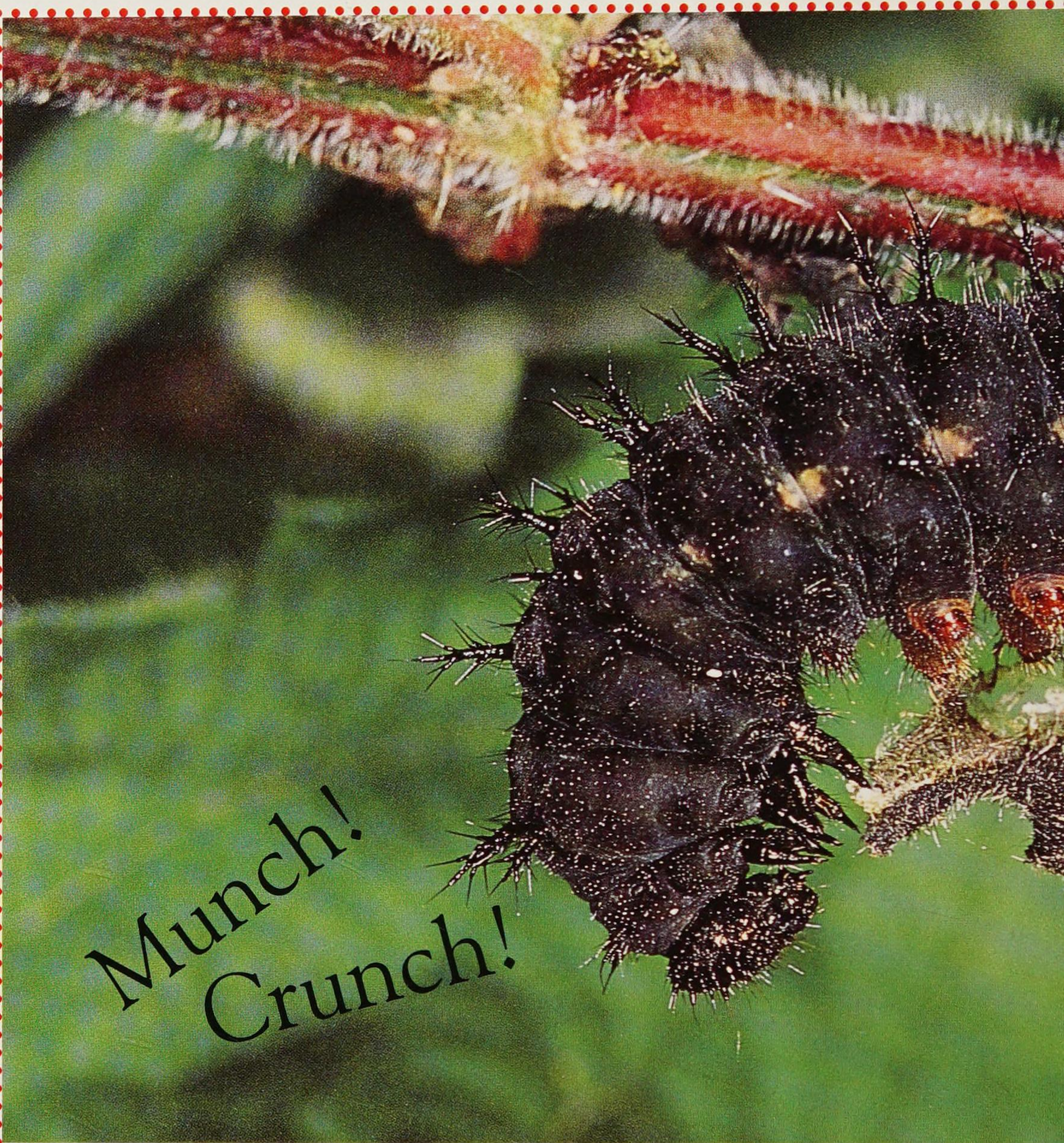
The caterpillar is hungry.  
She needs to grow  
so she crawls from her leaf tent.  
She climbs up strong stems  
and clings to young leaves.



The caterpillar munches  
and crunches  
all the leaves she can find.







Munch!  
Crunch!


The caterpillar munches  
and crunches.  
She gets bigger and bigger.  
Her black and yellow skin  
gets tighter and tighter.






Suddenly the skin  
starts to split open!  
The caterpillar wriggles out  
with a brand-new skin.





The caterpillar grows quickly.  
She sheds her skin  
four times  
before she is fully grown.







She looks for  
a leaf  
that is sturdy  
and strong.

She hangs upside down.

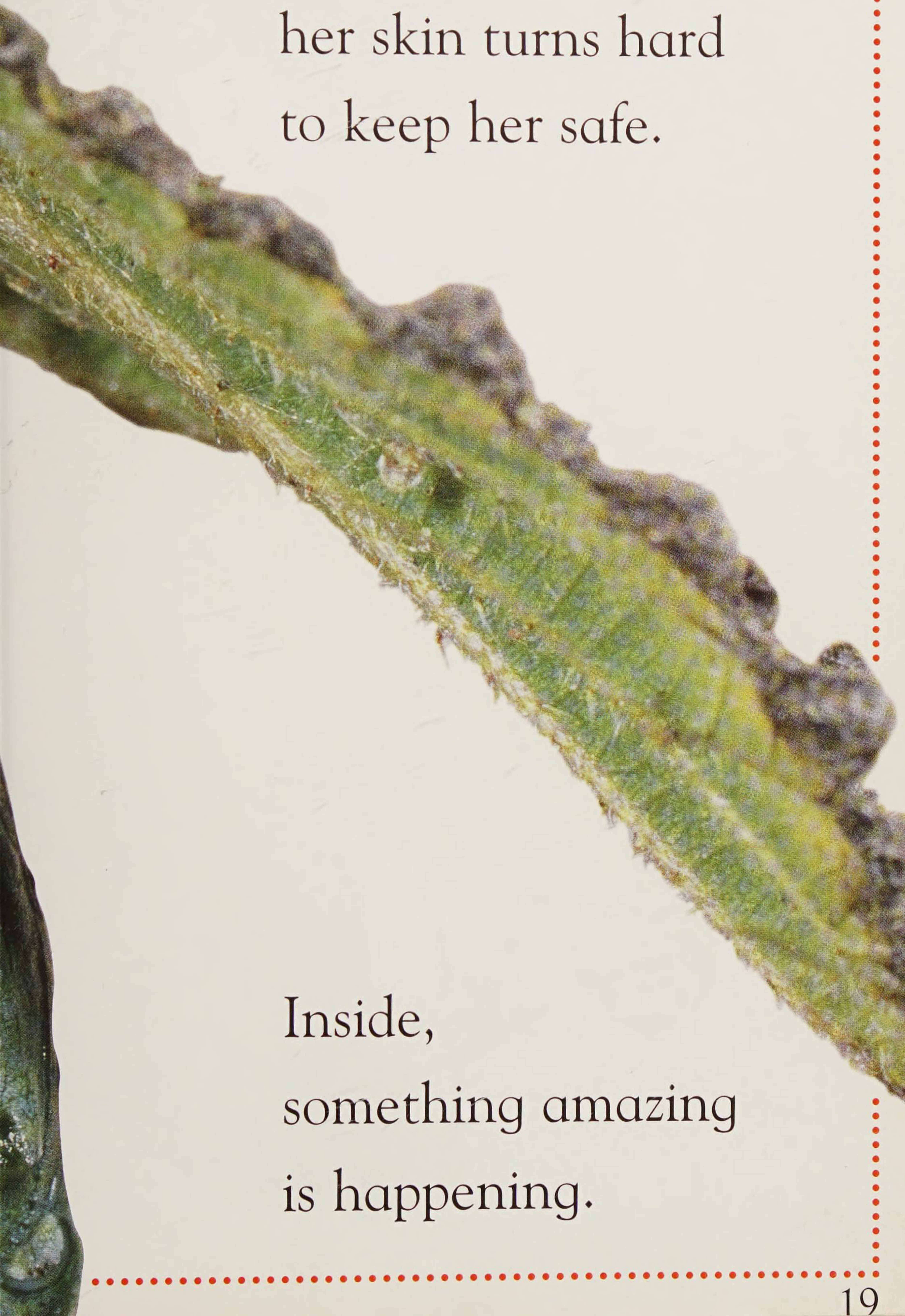


The caterpillar  
is changing  
into a chrysalis  
(KRIS-uh-liss).



chrysalis





Outside,  
her skin turns hard  
to keep her safe.

Inside,  
something amazing  
is happening.








Then one day  
the chrysalis splits open.  
Something crawls out  
into the sunshine.



It has a head and six legs.  
It has wings and a body.  
What can it be?



A brand-new butterfly  
rests in the sunshine!  
She is too wet to fly.



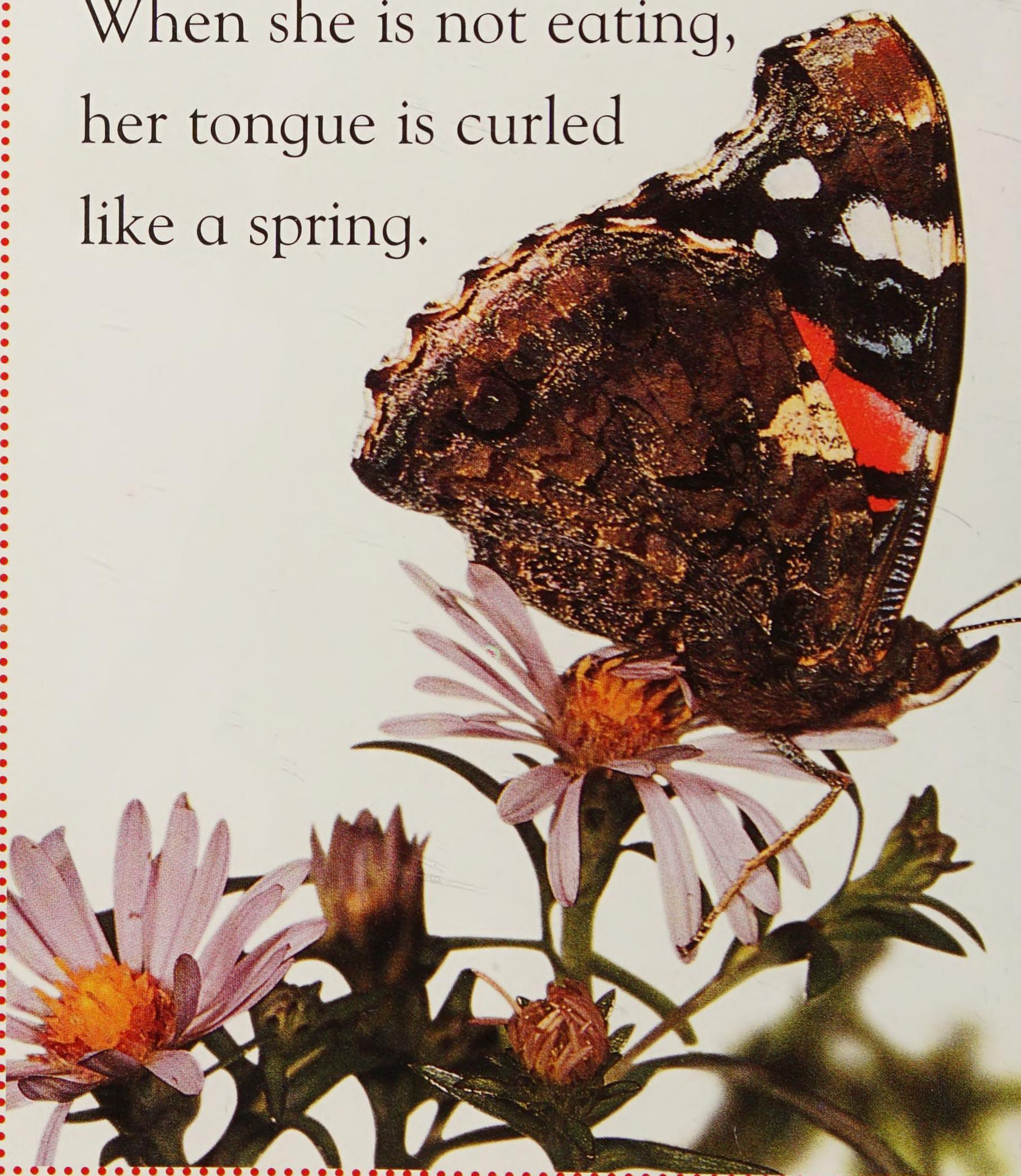
She holds out her wings  
to help them dry faster.







The butterfly flits  
from flower to flower.  
She sucks up the sweet nectar  
with her long, hollow tongue.  
When she is not eating,  
her tongue is curled  
like a spring.













Sometimes she rests  
with her wings held together.  
She looks brown as the tree bark  
so hungry birds can't see her.





Now it is time  
to look for a mate.  
She finds him  
sitting on a leaf.





They dance  
in the sunshine  
and fly off together.





The butterfly flits  
from flower to flower.  
Her red-striped wings  
shine in the sun.





She looks for a leaf  
where she can lay her eggs.

Soon, a hundred  
more butterflies  
will fly in the sun.



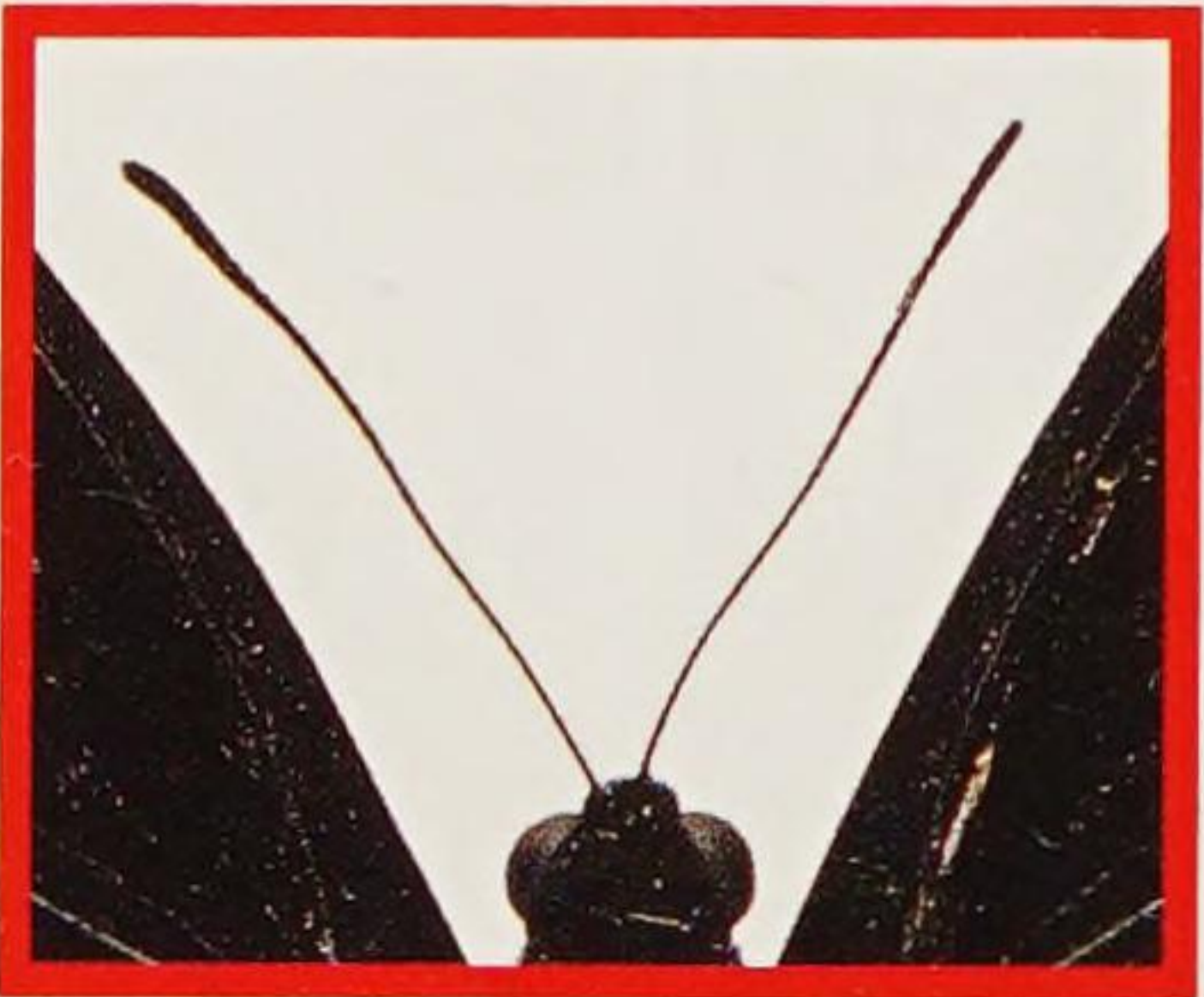


# Glossary



## Chrysalis

the stage of growth from caterpillar to butterfly



## Feelers

butterflies have feelers to touch their surroundings



## Shell

the hard outside covering of an egg



## Skin

the outside layer of a body



## Wings

butterflies have wings for flying



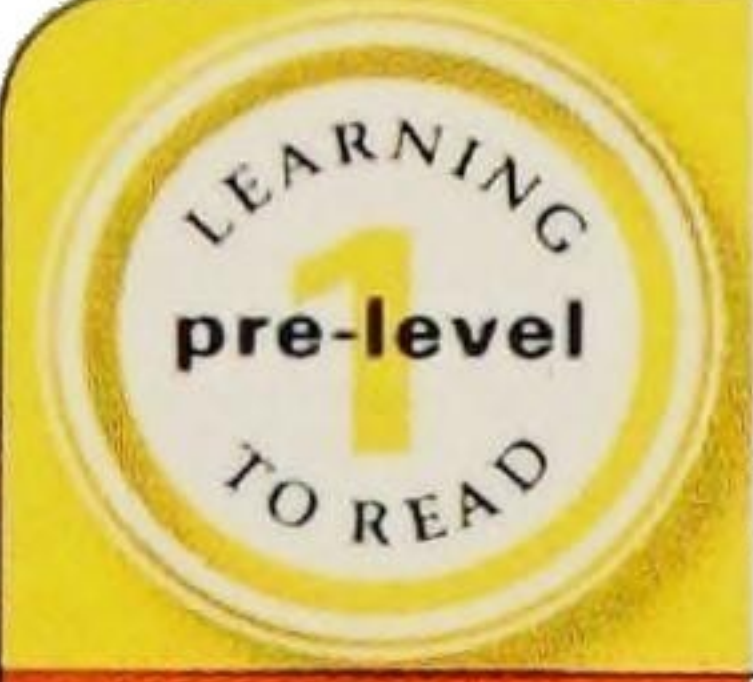



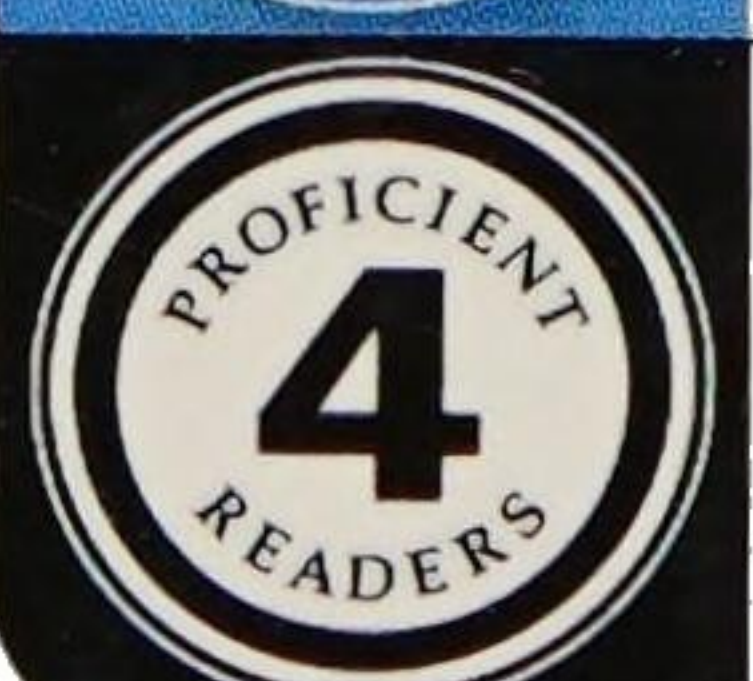






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	Beginning to read	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Simple sentences and limited vocabulary</li> <li>● Picture glossary and simple index</li> <li>● Adult participation helpful</li> </ul>
	Beginning to read alone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Longer sentences and increased vocabulary</li> <li>● Information boxes full of extra fun facts</li> <li>● Simple index</li> <li>● Occasional adult participation helpful</li> </ul>
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